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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

### MEETING OF JULY 14, 2015

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy Disciplinary Subcommittee met in regular session on July 14, 2015, at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Linda Minter, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Linda Minter, Public Member, Chairperson  
Brian Gilbert, PT  
Jeff Munford, Public Member  
Barbara Simmons, PTA

**Members Absent:** Ajay Middha, PT., DPT

**Staff Present:** Amy Schneider, Secretary, Board and Special Programs Section  
Virginia Abdo, Compliance Manager  
Pamela Millben, Analyst, Compliance Section

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Simmons, seconded by Gilbert, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting as presented.

A voice vote followed.

A voice vote was held.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Simmons, seconded by McAllister, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was held.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

Lisa Grost, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders, distributed packets containing information about the MDHHS Autism Program. Grost explained that three (3) positions at MDHHS have been allocated and funded to focus on Autism. The objective is to get autistic children under the age of six (6) years old who receive Medicaid benefits to see an applied behavior analyst. Evidence-based behavior therapy increases the behavior skills of autistic children, with average signs of improvement in three to four months. Services are available until a child/adult reaches 21 years of age.

Grost noted that there is a shortage of board certified Applied Behavior Analysts in Michigan. There are currently eight (8) universities in Michigan that offer a curriculum for Applied Behavior Analysts.

If a child is receiving Medicaid, a referral can be made to the local Community Mental Health (CMH) to request services from a CMH Autism Coordinator.

A question and answer period followed.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Kumar reported that since the last meeting, he has received some allegation files that he shared with the Allegation Committee.

Kumar attended the Foreign Education Committee meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, April 16-17, 2015. He also attended the World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT) in Singapore, May 1-4, 2015 and the International Network of Physical Therapy Regulatory Authority (INPTRA) in Singapore, April 29-30, 2015. Kumar shared topics of interest from the meetings.

Simmons inquired as to the development of Physical Therapist assistant programs around the world. Kumar responded that the United States is ahead.

Kumar and McAllister will attend the FSBPT annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, October 15-17, 2015 as the Delegate and Alternate Delegate for Michigan.

## **HB 4712**

Barr provided Board members with HB 4712. This bill would permit Chiropractors to prescribe treatment by a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. There was a discussion regarding prescribing and referrals.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Cheryl Pezon introduced herself as the new Board and Special Programs Manager and explained the purpose of the new Bureau of Professional Licensing.

Barr updated that the draft of the Physical Therapy administrative rules has been submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative rules (JCAR) for review. Gilbert asked that the Board be notified when the rules are completed.

## ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Kumar thanked retired Department Board Manager Norene Lind for her service.

Kumar announced he is a candidate for State Representative.

Jake Jakubiak Kovacek, Michigan Physical Therapy Association, also thanked Lind for her service.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 13, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 4, and Lansing, Michigan.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Gilbert, seconded by Simmons, to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

  

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Vijay Kumar, DPT, PhD, MD, Chairperson

Brian Gilbert Chairperson

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Date Minutes Approved

Prepared by:  
Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

July 14, 2015